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16 Sir I am made to understand that you have made some statements among the abolitionist in this city of my having shown you a certificate purporting to have come from Mr Berney while at newyork. Sir, I do not hesitate to declare that I never had a paper to my knowledge with Mr Berneys name attached to it. neither do I recollect shewing you any papers of any kind while at newyork. I wish therefore that you would appoint me a time and place with any whome you may think proper to name and I will meet you for the purpose of investigateing this thing: and if you can make me sensible of my having made an unlawful use of Mr Berneys name I am sure I am willing to suffer for it but if it cannot be proved against me those who have made an unlawful use of my name must expect to suffer for it: for my character is my life he that takes my money takes trash but he that takes my good name takes that which does him no good and makes me poor indeed

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